second means comprising a single, light conducting material for housing the display panel, wherein the second means is connected directly to the display panel and functions as a light pipe **[and]** so as to conduct **[conducts]** light received from **[between]** the first means for generating light directly to **[and]** the display panel.

17. (Thrice Amended) A method for conducting light in a computer system having a LCD and a LCD housing comprising:

generating light; and

conducting the generated light through the LCD housing directly to the LCD, wherein the LCD housing comprises a single, light conducting material and functions as a light pipe for illuminating the LCD and protects the LCD.

Please add new Claim 20 as follows:

20. A computer display comprising:

a LCD housing comprising a unitary construction of translucent material;

a light source coupled to the LCD housing so as to transmit light directly into the LCD housing; and

a LCD coupled directly to the LCD housing such that said LCD is supported by said LCD housing, and wherein light received from the light source is transmitted directly from the LCD housing to the LCD.

Remarks

Claims 1, 16 and 17 have been amended by this paper and Claim 20 has been added. Claims 2-15, 18 and 19 remain unchanged by this Amendment. Hence, by this paper, Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

In the Office Action mailed August 14, 2000, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-3 and 14-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Malhi (U.S. Patent No. 5,844,733).

Applicant notes that the Malhi reference teaches no more with respect to the present invention than the admitted prior art. For example, Malhi discloses a notebook computer comprising a display screen 25 and a backing case 22. In between the display screen 25 and the backing case 22 is a light guide 80. See Malhi, Figure 4, column 4, lines 13-14 ("a light guide 80 positioned between the display board 75 [and the display screen 25] and the case back 70"). Like the admitted prior art, Malhi discloses that the light guide 80 is used to disperse light relatively